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Sir:

Applicants' representative spoke with the Examiner on December 12, 2008, and authorized the amendments made by Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowance. Applicants are not conceding in this application the claims amended by the Examiner's amendment are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as such claim amendments are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Applicants specifically state no Examiner's amendment to any claim should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

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